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## THINK FOOD

### School Nutrition Programs Shipment 9 February 2016



#### **USDA FOOD Shipment 9 Update**

The USDA Foods shipment schedule for SY 2015-2016 is located on the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition website under Commodity Information.

This website is located at [http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/USDA.html](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html). The schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability and warehouse space.

#### **Newsletter is Online, too!**

All issues of the Think Food Newsletter are on the OPI School Nutrition website at [http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1\\_6](http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_6).

#### **Ordering for Next School Year**

The order process for next school year will not begin until late February. This is later than normal, but we are still waiting on the USDA to get us the final entitlement numbers. We were informed by the USDA that the numbers would not be ready until sometime in February. Information will be emailed **AND** mailed out when it is time for the process to begin.

#### **Shipment Schedule Update**

I hope you received the email last month about the change in the shipment schedule dates. Here are when the shipments will now be starting on:

Shipment 8 will begin on 1/25/2016  
 Shipment 9 will begin on 2/15/2016  
 Shipment 10 will begin on 3/7/2016

#### **Extra items:**

All schools are cleared to order extra items. ☺ Send me an email with what you would like.

The amounts listed are approximately the number of cases available. Please send an email to [tbailly@mt.gov](mailto:tbailly@mt.gov) with food item and quantity requests *by Monday, February 8, 2016*.

USDA Foods	Cases Left	Price/case
Blueberries, fzn	1193	\$27.70
Tomato sauce, cnd	912	\$13.84
Beans, vegetarian, cnd	864	\$13.75
Chicken fajita strips, fzn	549	\$50.61
Cheese, mozz, shred, fzn	461	\$61.82
Peas, fzn	428	\$18.59
Ham, cooked, fzn	359	\$63.32
Strawberry slices, fzn	308	\$34.94
Beans, Great Northern, cnd	285	\$13.73
Beans, Kidney, cnd	283	\$15.95
Flour, whole wheat	246	\$9.20
Tomato paste, cnd	239	\$23.07
Vegetable oil	224	\$23.08
Spaghetti sauce, cnd	200	\$14.15
Green beans, cnd	176	\$15.46
Cheese, red fat, shred, fzn	167	\$64.71
Applesauce cups	137	\$16.59
Potato wedges, fzn	106	\$18.33
Beans, black, cnd	56	\$15.48
Turkey deli, fzn	56	\$115.69
Pork leg roast, frz	48	\$54.48
Rice, brown	46	\$29.07
Carrots, fzn	6	\$13.28
Eggs, fzn	3	\$91.22

### **DoD Fresh Program Update**

Schools that have not started spending their DoD allotment will need to do so by February 15, 2016. At this time, funds from schools that have not spent any of their allotment will be redistributed to schools that have been spending. Schools that have spent some, but not all, will not be affected.

If the reason you have not started spending is because you need help logging onto the FFavors website, let Tessa Bailly know at [tbailly@mt.gov](mailto:tbailly@mt.gov) or 406-444-4412.

### **Team Nutrition Workshops**

Montana Team Nutrition would like to invite you to upcoming workshops in February. These workshops are free and count toward your annual training hours for School Nutrition Professional Standards.

Please join us for regional workshops in February focusing on *HealthierUS School Challenge: Serving Up Success with Standardized Recipes*.

Information and registration can be found here: [http://www.opi.mt.gov//Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/ProfStandards?gpm=1\\_1&tpm=1\\_4](http://www.opi.mt.gov//Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/ProfStandards?gpm=1_1&tpm=1_4)

*Serving Up Success – Standardized Recipes* Guarantee It. Regional workshops for both schools and child care programs. Using standardized recipes can save time and money. This workshop will teach the basics of creating and working with standardized recipes with simple calculations.

- February 11, 2016, in Billings from 2-4 p.m.
- February 16, 2016, in Bozeman from 6:30-8:30 pm
- February 23, 2016, in Kalispell from 2-4 p.m.

For more information, visit

<http://opi.mt.gov/schoolnutrition> under Current Events/Trainings or contact Molly Stenberg at 406-994-7217 or [stenberg@montana.edu](mailto:stenberg@montana.edu).

### **Save the Date for Summer Summit**

Summer is nearing so get your sunscreen and flip flops ready and join OPI School Nutrition Programs for the 6th Annual Summer Summit in Helena. The Summer Summit will take place on April 15, 2016 at the Great Northern Hotel. The summit is a great time to learn from other sponsors across the state, gain required continuing education hours, and complete the required

SFSP workshop. Be sure to make your reservations early. The Great Northern has state rate rooms reserved for our group until March 14th. We hope to see you there!

Check out our MT Summer Food Service Program webpage for more SFSP information and registration links (coming soon). Visit: [opi.mt.gov/summerfood](http://opi.mt.gov/summerfood)

### **Sysco is Offering ServSafe Classes for Customers**

If you are a Sysco customer and need to update your ServSafe credentials please look into attending one of the upcoming classes.

- February 9, 2016  
Holiday Inn Express in Belgrade, MT
- March 22, 2016  
Great Northern Hotel in Helena, MT
- June 9, 2016  
Heritage Inn in Great Falls, MT
- July 21, 2016  
Hilton Garden Inn in Billings, MT
- September 22, 2016  
Holiday Inn Express in Bozeman, MT
- November 10, 2016  
Big Horn Resort in Billings, MT

Sysco Montana is proud to sponsor the class dates above in partnership with the Montana Restaurant Association. Course fees for all courses are \$135.00 per participant. For specific information or to obtain a registration form contact Sysco Montana's Carole Makin at (406) 247-1133 or [masin.carole@mt.sysco.com](mailto:masin.carole@mt.sysco.com).

### **OPI Cooperative Purchase Program**

The winter 2016 OPI Cooperative Bid was awarded to Sysco of Montana. All participating sponsors have been sent a cover letter containing pertinent contact information and updates regarding product availability. The first round of deliveries is scheduled to begin January 25<sup>th</sup> and end by February 12<sup>th</sup>. A Sysco representative will contact schools prior to the first delivery to establish each school's first delivery date and approximate time of day. Schools can expect the second, third and fourth deliveries to continue approximately every four weeks after the initial first delivery.

Invoices should be checked carefully for correct pricing and amount of product. Payment should be submitted

to Sysco within 45 days of receipt. An administrative fee of up to three percent of the total invoices for the winter 2016 Bid will be invoiced to each participant in April and payment is expected within 45 days of receipt to the OPI Cooperative Purchasing Program. For questions or concerns regarding the cooperative bid process, please contact Cindy Giese, Cooperative Purchasing Coordinator at 406-366-9829 or [cgiese@mt.gov](mailto:cgiese@mt.gov).

### **OPI Awards \$55,000 in School Nutrition**

#### **Equipment Assistance Grants**

In December 2015, The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) awarded eleven (11) \$5,000 equipment grants to school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) across Montana. The equipment grants serve to assist school districts in providing healthier meals that meet updated meal patterns, with an emphasis on increasing fruits and vegetables in school meals, improving food safety, and expanding access. Funding for these competitive grants is provided by the Fiscal Year 2015 Agriculture Appropriations Act. School districts selected as recipients include:

- Absarokee Elementary
- Alder Elementary
- Cut Bank Elementary
- Eureka Elementary
- Grass Range Elementary
- Libby K-12 Schools
- Loyola-Sacred Heart High School
- Monforton Elementary
- Plentywood K-12 Schools
- Ronan High School
- Turner Elementary

### **2016 Montana Farm to School Summit**

Save the date for the *Montana Farm to School Summit: Sprouting Success* to be held on September 22-23, 2016, at Montana State University in Bozeman. Learn and share how Montana schools and programs are sprouting success through the core elements of farm to school: serving local foods, school gardens, nutrition, agriculture, and food education. Workshops, field trips, and networking opportunities will provide inspiration and skill building.

For more information contact Aubree Roth, Montana Farm to School Coordinator, at [aubree.roth@montana.edu](mailto:aubree.roth@montana.edu) or 406-994-5996.